

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of providing information, comprising the steps of:

(a) providing security of information to an investor distributed  
5 electromagnetically to a user and paying at least part of consideration for said security to  
a vendor providing said information;

(b) paying at least part of consideration for use of said information by said  
user to said vendor; and

(c) paying allotment from said vendor to said investor.

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2. The method of providing information according to claim 1, wherein said  
step (a) includes the step of:

(a1) making said security only of said information satisfying a predetermined  
standard open to the public.

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3. The method of providing information according to claim 1, wherein  
identification is assigned to said information, said identification being specific to said  
user.

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4. The method of providing information according to claim 1, wherein said  
step (b) is performed in electronic commerce.

5. The method of providing information according to claim 1, wherein said  
consideration for said use is determined on the basis of condition of use of said  
25 information in said step (b).

6. The method of providing information according to claim 1, wherein said allotment to said investor buying said security corresponding thereto is determined on the basis of frequency of use of said information in said step (c).

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7. A method of providing information in which information is distributed electromagnetically from a vendor to a user through a market, said market performing the steps of:

10 (a) making security of said information open to the public to establish buying and selling by an investor;

(b) distributing said information electromagnetically to said user to collect consideration for said use from said user; and

(c) transmitting frequency of said use to said vendor to provide at least part of said consideration for said use to said vendor.

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8. The method of providing information according to claim 7, wherein said step (a) includes the step of:

(a1) making said security only of said information satisfying a predetermined standard open to the public.

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9. The method of providing information according to claim 7, wherein identification is assigned to said information, said identification being specific to said user.

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10. The method of providing information according to claim 7, wherein said

step (b) is performed in electronic commerce.

11. The method of providing information according to claim 7, wherein said consideration for said use is determined on the basis of said condition of use of said information in said step (b).

12. The method of providing information according to claim 7, further comprising the step of:

(d) determining allotment to said investor buying said security corresponding thereto on the basis of said frequency of use of said information.

13. A method of providing information in which a vendor performs the steps of:

(a) distributing information electromagnetically to a user;

(b) receiving at least part of consideration for use of said information by said user; and

(c) paying allotment to an investor buying security of said information on the basis of frequency of use of said information.

14. The method of providing information according to claim 13, wherein said step (a) includes the step of

(a1) making said security only of said information satisfying a predetermined standard open to the public.

15. The method of providing information according to claim 13, wherein

identification is assigned to said information, said identification being specific to said user.

16. The method of providing information according to claim 13, wherein said  
5 step (b) is performed in electronic commerce.

17. The method of providing information according to claim 13, wherein said  
consideration for said use is determined on the basis of condition of use of said  
information in said step (b).

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18. The method of providing information according to claim 13, wherein said  
allotment to said investor buying said security corresponding thereto is determined on the  
basis of said frequency of use of said information in said step (c).